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## FOREWORD

At the close of each year the Pender-New Hanover County ASC Committees publish an annual report to keep the public abreast of ASCS operations in the county. ASCS is an organization developed for the purpose of achieving the greatest protection and improvement of the natural resources of the farms in our nation. The goal of the organization is to assure farmers a fair share of the national income.

We have attempted to give a brief explanation of each of the programs administered by the ASCS service during 1975. We hope that through this report we can promote a clearer understanding of ASCS's purpose and function.

We greatly acknowledge the efforts put forth by the committeemen, farmers, other agricultural agencies, our District Director, and our our State Office Staff, to make our operation a success in the Pender-New-Hanover County office during 1975.

The Pender County ASCS office is located in the county seat, Burgaw, N. C., on highway 117A south. A sub office is maintained in Wilmington, located in the post office building at Front and Chestnut Streets. Our office hours are from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Monday through Friday in Pender and 8:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. Monday through Wednesday in New Hanover.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

### STATE COMMITTEE

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Rudolph W. Jones

### STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

W. T. Reece

### DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Alfred Willetts

### PENDER COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE

James V. Eakins  
T. E. Batson  
C. T. Carr

### NEW HANOVER COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE

J. D. McCarley, III  
Albert D. Cox  
M. S. Emmart, Jr.

### COUNTY OFFICE PERSONNEL

Casper Wells  
Elsie J. English  
Della M. Herring  
Betty L. Moore  
Lucille P. Rivenbark  
Willia C. McGugan

1975 ASC COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMEN

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Thomas Cowan  
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Baxter Wells

HOLLY

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BURGAU LOWER

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Maurice Anderson

## PRICE SUPPORT

Price support programs are administered by ASCS to aid the farmer in obtaining fair prices for what he produces and to promote orderly marketing.

### FARM STORAGE AND DRYING EQUIPMENT LOANS

Loans are made available to producers to finance the purchase of farm storage facilities and drying equipment.

#### FARM STORAGE STRUCTURE LOANS

Loans Disbursed	7
Loan Capacity	15,813
Amt. of Loans Disbursed	\$16,375.38
No. of Outstanding Loans	48
Amt. of Outstanding Loans	\$103,159.85

#### DRYING EQUIPMENT LOANS

Loans Disbursed	4
Amt. of Loans Disbursed	\$24,593.17
No. of Outstanding Loans	21
Amt. of Outstanding Loans	\$56,472.27

#### FARM STORED COMMODITY LOANS

Price support commodity loans were available on corn, oats, peanuts, rye, barley and grain sorghum.

Commodity	No.	Amount	Bushels
Corn	18	\$163,715.70	128,910



## PRODUCTION ADJUSTMENT

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as enacted on February 6, 1938, contained the first authorization for our present acreage allotment and marketing quota program. The act authorizes acreage allotment and marketing quotas on wheat, tobacco, cotton, peanuts and rice.

Acreage allotment and marketing quotas were designed as a means of keeping supplies of agricultural commodities in line with demand. Marketing quotas must be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in a referendum before they may be placed in effect.

## FLUE-CURED TOBACCO

Flue-cured tobacco is the number one cash crop in the county. The 1975 crop accounted for approximately \$7,000,000 of the total farm income in the county. The acreage-poundage program put in effect in the county in 1965 was designed to bring production into better balance with demand, improve quality and stimulate exports.

## 1975 TOBACCO PROGRAM DATA

Number of Allotments	1647
Number of acres allotted	3,934.00
Basic Quota	6,952,154
Undermarketed	1,464,400
Overmarketed	109,172
Effective Quota	8,256,030
Total Production	6,727,767
Lease and Transfer	
Farms Leasing tobacco	749
Farms receiving leased tobacco	314
Pounds leased	2,988,234

## 1975 FEED GRAIN AND WHEAT PROGRAMS

All that a feed grain and wheat producer had to do in 1975 to be eligible for target price assurance, loans and other program benefits was to sign up. Disaster payments were made when planting was prevented, or when total production was less than two thirds of the allotment times the program yields because of natural disaster conditions. Substitutions on non-quota crops were allowed for allotment preservation purposes. The loan level for corn was \$1.10 per bushel and \$1.37 for wheat. The target price for corn was \$1.38 per bushel and \$2.07 for wheat.

### 1975 DATA

#### WHEAT

No. of Farms	263
Allotment	810.3

#### FEED GRAIN

No. of Farms	1821
Allotment	16,427.0

#### DISASTER

Payment Applications Filed	34
Payment Applications Approved	23
Total Amount of Payment	\$4,228.58

## UPLAND COTTON

The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 enacted August 10, 1973, is applicable to the 1974-77 upland cotton crop years. Highlights of the 1975 upland cotton program were no marketing quotas or penalties, no limit on planted acreage, no cropland set-aside requirement, and no conserving base requirements. There are 91 cotton farms with a total allotment of 178.0 acres in our county. No cotton was planted in 1975.

## PEANUTS

Peanuts are considered one of the basic cash crops in our county. Peanut acreage allotments for individual farms are determined on the basis of the past acreage of peanuts, and previous acreage allotments. A referendum was held in December 1974 for the 1975-77 crops of peanuts.

### 1975 PEANUT PROGRAM DATA

Number of Allotments	184
Number of acres allotted	1425.4
Total acres harvested	1218.2
Total Production	2,060,899
Yield Per Acre	1692
Lease & Transfer	
No. farms leasing peanuts	61
No. farms receiving leased peanuts	35
No. acres leased	397.1
Sale of Peanut Allotment:	
No. Farms selling allotment	1
No. acres sold	14.4

## COMPLIANCE

Compliance is an important function in ASCS. In 1975, a new method of compliance was used in Pender-New Hanover County. This method required no acreage report on tobacco. Certification of acreage was required on peanuts and disaster farms.

### DATA FOR 1975

Staking and Referencing Service	3
Measurement Service	0

### REGULAR COMPLIANCE PERFORMED

Name of Crop	No. of Farms Measured	No. of Farms Certified
Peanuts	35	102
CAP	13	14

### RECONSTITUTIONS

Farms must be reconstituted whenever:

- A. A change has occurred in the operation of the farm.
- B. An owner requests in writing that his land no longer be included in a multiple ownership farm.
- C. The farm is not properly constituted.

### STATISTICS

Number Reconstitutions	49
In-County Transfers	1
Out-County Transfers	5

## CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

The Cropland Adjustment Program began in 1966, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with farmers to divert cropland normally used for the production of feed grain, allotment and non-allotment crops, to conserving and recreational uses.

The period of agreement is for 5 to 10 years. Farmers may receive cost-share payments for establishing an approved conservation or recreation practice. Annual adjustment payments are made each October for acreage placed under agreement.

The designated acreage must be maintained for the duration of the agreements to prevent erosion and control weeds and insects. All allotment crops and feed grain bases for the farm under agreement must be in compliance.

In 1975, 7 annual payments were made, which amounted to \$4,822.00.

### 1975 ACP AND FIP

County Allocation - ACP	23,906.00
County Allocation - FIP	17,150.00
No. Participating Farms	112
Cost-Share Assistance to Farmers	34,823.00
Small Cost-Share Increase	579.00
Gross Assistance to Farmers	35,402.00
There was 1 pooling agreement which amounted to \$142.00, involving 2 farms.	



## USDA COUNTY EMERGENCY BOARD

A National Defense Board has been established in USDA. Every county has an organized USDA County Emergency Board. The Board is composed of the head of USDA agencies with major defense assignments. The County Executive Director is Chairman of the USDA County Emergency Board.

The Board provides advice and assistance in carrying out defense and related emergency production, processing, and distribution problems in food and agriculture that would follow a nuclear attack; and to provide defense against chemical and biological warfare, as well as radiological fallout in relation to crops and livestock. It is the duty of the Board to act in time of emergency to stabilize the distribution of food, farm equipment and supplies; and to act for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in any areas as needed.

The County USDA Emergency Board has regular meetings atleast twice during the year. In December 1975 the USDA Emergency Board met and declared Pender County a disaster area due to extreme weather conditions that had existed in the county.

### PENDER COUNTY EMERGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

Casper Wells, ASCS, Chairman  
Lewis V. Blake, Farmers Home Administration  
William F. Walker, County Extension  
Larry Goff, Soil Conservation Service  
Mansel Baker, Civil Defense Director

## APPRECIATION

OUR SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO:

Pender County Board of Commissioners and Taxpayers for our conveniently located office.

State Office personnel who have been so cooperative and understanding.

Our District Director for his helpfulness, patience and understanding.

Community Committeemen for their loyalty, cooperation and advice.

The Pender Chronicle and Pender Post for relaying articles and news to the public.

Vendors and others who have cooperated so faithfully.

Radio Station WVBS and TV Station WECT for their cooperation in covering our programs.

Other agricultural agencies for their unselfish cooperation in helping to make our programs a success.

And last, but by no means, least, to our farmers for their fine cooperative spirit. We believe the understanding and public relations between the ASCS Office and farmers of Pender and New Hanover counties are unmatched.

## OUR CREED

WE AS MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE ACCEPT OUR OBLIGATION AND OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY WELL AND IN FULL MEASURE. WE BELIEVE IT IS OUR DUTY.....

- \* To administer faithfully the federal programs and functions assigned to us.
- \* To put loyalty to the highest moral principles above loyalty to persons or party.
- \* To serve the public with fairness, courtesy, integrity and understanding.
- \* To give a full day's labor for a full day's pay, giving to the performance of our duties earnest effort and our best thought.
- \* To develop our personal resources by seeking always to improve the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of our work.
- \* To be a good neighbor and a substantial contributor to the general welfare of our community, being mindful of the common sources of all our blessings.

.....AND THUS DO OUR PART IN PERFORMING THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES OF THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONSERVING OUR NATIONAL RESOURCES, AND IN FURTHERING THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.





